

## GOD - BEGINNING AND ENDING

### **Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

Although this verse has been used many times as the text for sermons urging love of one another and avoiding doctrinal differences that may cause separation of the brethren, a look at the grammar shows it to be speaking of our Lord and our walk with Him. The word “walk” is an imperfect, speaking only of a walk. Nothing in the word itself indicates the purpose nor the subject of the walk. The word “except” is the translation of a Hebrew word meaning the walk has been totally negated but this is followed by the word “agreed” in the perfect tense speaking of the present reality of a new walk that was arranged by appointment, decree and design in past time. A beautiful statement of our walk with Christ, every detail decreed, designed and controlled by God, a walk that never ends.

*Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

*Ps 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Eze 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

*Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

*Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

### **Consider His decree:**

Before the foundation of the world, the decree, or decrees, of God which not only determined and established our walk with Him but His purpose in creation, man, sin, redemption, and judgement as well. After which He created the heavens and the earth.

Usually reference is made to the decrees of God, as of more than one, but setting aside the arguments of Lapsarianism, that is, the order and timing of God's decrees, it is possible to think of one decree which included all His purposes in His creation. Some of His purposes are clearly revealed in Scripture. For example:

To create the heavens and the earth; clearly a joyous event:

*Gen 1:1 ¶ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Job 38:4-7 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

To reveal to the authorities in heaven by means of the Church, His wisdom and eternal purpose in Christ:

*Eph 3:9-11 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:*

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The word "fitted" is perfect passive indicating that He Himself did this in past time and we are looking at the present reality of those fitted to destruction.

To show His wrath against sin:

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To make known the riches of His glory:

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*Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

*Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

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To have the Son, the Son of God, the Son of man, descend from heaven, be made flesh, be made sin for His elect, be the propitiation for sin by His substitutionary death, rise from the dead and have the preeminence in all things:

*Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

*Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

*Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

*Joh 6:62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?*

*Ac 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

*Col 1:13-20 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

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In fact, rather than continuing to list particular purposes, it is clear that God determined all that was to occur in His creation before He created. He who is timeless, seeing the end from the beginning, declared from the beginning “things that are not yet done.”

*Ne 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*

*Ps 135:6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.*

*Pr 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.*

*Isa 14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:*

*Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

*Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

*Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

*Ac 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.*

*1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

*Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

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*Col 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

*Re 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure (will) they are and were created.*

There is more scripture, actually, the major content of God's word speaks of His purpose and His interest, direction and control of every single event in His creation, from the rise and fall of nations, setting over them whomsoever He will, to the number of hairs on our heads and the fall of the sparrow. To really grasp this truth, to believe and trust in His care, control, protection and direction in all things, every event big or small, every illness, affliction, sorrow or pain, results in us resting in the "peace that passes understanding."

### **And then He created the heavens and the earth!**

*Gen 1:1 ¶ In (the) beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

The word "beginning" is not articulated. If it were, the definite article would infer that the eternal God also had a beginning; a possibility the Holy Spirit is careful to avoid. This is evident in both the Hebrew and the Greek, for example, Gen 1:1; Mt 19:4; Mt 19:8; Mrk 1:1; Jn 1:1-2; Jn 8:44; 2 Th 2:13; 1Jo 3:8 all are careful to avoid the use of the definite article when speaking of "beginning."

The chief of the cherubim, the anointed cherub, was placed on the earth in the Eden of God and put in charge of the creation. In that position he rebelled against God and God's decree that the Son would become man and eventually reign supreme. He, the anointed cherub, would be the one who reigns, he would ascend into heaven and he would be like the Most High.

*Isa 14:12-14 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will **ascend** into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

*Ez 28:12-16 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

*Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from (the) beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

*1Jo 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from (the) beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil*

The usual argument against the inferences made here are that the Isaiah passage is speaking of Babylon and the Ezekiel passage is referring to the King of Tyre, even though the passage speaks of things that could not refer to man. These both are allegories, there was Babylon and there really was a king of Tyre but here they answer to Satan. There are many examples in Scripture such as these. Consider Abraham, many sermons have been preached about him and his life with the promise of his son Isaac and the problems with his wife Sarah, but the seed of Abraham was just such a type, not Isaac, who really lived, but Christ the promised one.

*Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

God uses actual facts to teach us truths that would otherwise be incomprehensible. There really was Abraham and Isaac and God really did tell Abraham to sacrifice his only son. More than that, Abraham knowing that he could not have another son obeyed God. Fools have spoken of the horrible God who would command Abraham to do such an awful thing, they being too spiritually ignorant to understand the powerful glimpse we have been given into the love of God, His love for His son and also His love for us; so great that He sacrificed His only Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Though He stayed Abraham's hand He did not His own.

*Ro 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Ro 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

*2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

In the same way Sarah and Hagar both really lived but they also were allegories. Hagar answered to Jerusalem that now is and is in bondage and Sarah to Jerusalem which is above and is free.

*Gal 4:24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

Another great example is the children of Israel. They really did exist but what they did and what was written of them, though actual history, was primarily an allegory for “our admonition.”

*Ro 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

*1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

It would be incredible if nothing happened when Satan disobeyed God, ascended into heaven and declared himself to be like God. We do know there was the fierce anger of God, the anointed cherub was judged and became Satan along with some angels who became demons, and were cast into the abyss.

*Ps 18:7-15 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.*

*Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged (Perfect Passive - judged in the past but looking at the present reality of the judgement).*

Although we have no indication of the time involved in this rebellion and the judgement that followed, we do have indications of the results of this rebellion in the Scripture just quoted and Genesis 1:2.

*Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

*Ps 18:7-15 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wrath. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.*

When science began to establish a much older earth than Usher's 6000 years the so called "Gap Theory," that is, many years between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2, was proposed in an attempt to bring the Bible in line with current day science. It should be obvious to anyone that if the Scriptures, which are the Word of God and do not change, were in complete agreement with current day science, which changes every generation, they soon would be in error. The Scriptures are not the words of men, not the words of Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, Matthew, John, Paul or Peter, but the unchangeable Word of God who makes no mistakes. His Word does not need to be defended, it is to be believed and declared.

This paper is not an attempt to bring the Bible in line with science nor to discuss scientific theories or arguments about the age of the earth, etc..but to look seriously at what God has chosen to reveal. Long before the "Gap Theory" was dreamed up, the evidence of judgement and a break between the first and the second verses of Genesis 1 had been suggested by the text as well as other Scripture. For example:

1. The text has always been a problem. There is no similar construction in the Old Testament.
2. The word order suggests a disjunctive meaning.
3. The presence of "was" in verse two. In Hebrew, forms of the verb "to be" are not present unless there has been a change in condition. "The earth "was," that is, there is a change in the earth, it "became ....."



4. The Anadiplosis, that is the word repetition in verses one and two, “*In the beginning God created the heaven **and the earth.** **And the earth** was without...*” This construction is used as a disjunctive to indicate that the first statement refers to two things and the following statement refers to something that happened to one of them, the earth.

*Heb 12:25-27 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then **shook the earth**: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain*

5. The Masoretic text has the disjunctive *rebia* at the end of verse one indicating that many, many years before anything like the Gap Theory was every conceived the Jewish scholars recognized a violent break between Gen 1 verse 1 and verse 2.

6. The Hebrew words “bawraw” and “awsaw.” The text of Gen 1 is very clear concerning that which was created out of nothing, “bawraw,” and that which was made out of stuff already existing from the original creation, “awsaw.”

7. Other scriptures that indicate the anger of the Lord God and His judgement:

*Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain (toho), he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

*2Pe 3:5-7 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God **the heavens were of old, and the earth** standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But **the heavens and the earth, which are now**, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

Although many believe this is referring to the flood of Noah, it is much more than just a flood but clearly refers to a world which is now “reserved unto fire against the day of judgment,” a judgment against sin and Satan.

*Jer 4:23-26 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was **without form, and void**; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.*

His “fierce anger” was clearly not due to the original creation which, as we have seen, was a joyous event (Job 38:5-7), but because of some other cause, it is another indication of the rebellion of Satan and the judgement that followed.

*Job 9:5-7 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.*

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As a result of his rebellion and the judgement that followed, the anointed cherub has now become Satan and the Devil. The word “Devil” is always singular and when it occurs in some translations as plural it is a mistranslation of either the word for demon or for evil spirit. There is only one Devil but he has many demons rendering service to him. He was the highest of God’s creation in heaven with a will that was not God’s will and his activities are in constant conflict with God and will continue so until the final judgment.

We have many Scriptural indications of this constant conflict and it would be foolish to underestimate the power of Satan when even Michael the archangel was not permitted to bring a railing accusation against him.

*Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

We do know, however, that God is using him and he will continue to be defeated and eventually be sentenced to the lake of fire. We know this is God’s purpose and we should be aware of this constant battle between God and Satan in the creation and in our lives.

*Job 1:6-8 ¶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking*

*up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

*1Ch 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.*

*Zec 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.*

*Mt 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

*Mt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

*Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

*Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

*Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

*Ro 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:*

*Ro 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

*2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

*2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

*Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

*Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*

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*Re 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

Although we do not know much about the conflict between God and Satan when Satan ascended into heaven and declared himself to be like God, we do know one result of that conflict was the earth being plunged into ruin. We also know that this conflict continues as Satan attempts to defeat the plans of God and deceive God's elect and that he has continued access to heaven since then and will continue to have until he is cast out by Michael and his angels..

*Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*

*Rev 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

The intensity of this conflict between God and Satan is clear in the Scriptures. Satan attempts to defeat God's plan time and time again. A book can be written on this subject alone; how God plans, Satan interferes and is defeated by God. Although it is not our purpose to write such a book, we do know that Satan used Judas to betray Christ whom he knew to be the promised seed of the woman.

*Lu 22:3-4 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.*

Once again what appeared to be Satan's greatest victory, God used to defeat Satan and accomplish His will in our Lord being made sin for us and dying as our substitute.

*Ac 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

It may be that the first one of the defeats of Satan was his attempt to replace the ruin (which came as a result of his rebellion) with his own creation. God may have permitted him to attempt this, we do not know, but if He did, we know that Satan could not create nor correct. His first defeat in the presence of all the angels in heaven including those that had followed him in his attempt to replace God could have been - **he was not like God!**

God, having begun to show His wrath against sin, remade the earth from the ruin of Gen 1:2. The account from verse 3 to the end of the chapter only includes two additional creative acts. He created sea monsters and He created man in His own image, all the rest He made from existing material from the original creation. God placed Adam in charge of the garden of Eden and commanded him not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and that if he did he would surely die.

*Gen 2:16-17 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

After this, God made the woman from that which was taken from Adam and presented her to Adam as his wife. How long they lived in fellowship before Satan came to Eve we do not know but once again, it probably was not long. Knowing that God had given this commandment to Adam and that Adam loved Eve, Satan's design was to get Adam to sin, to not believe God, by means of Eve, causing him to die and thus defeating God's plan for man who had been created in the image of God.

*Gen 3:1-5 ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

We now have at least two insights into Satan and his constant conflict with God and his dealings with us. His will was not God's will and his first act was to declare his intent to be like God. In the second account, his temptation of Eve, it was not to tempt her to moral sin such as to steal, bear false witness or murder, but to doubt God. Our Lord made this very clear when speaking to some of the Jews who were disputing with Him:

*Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

Here again, as pointed out before, there is no definite article before the word "beginning" but, in this case, there is an added definite article before the word "lie." Many translations insert a definite article before the word "beginning" and leave out the article before the word "lie." The verse actually reads "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh the lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

He is a liar and he speaks **the lie**. Contrary to popular opinion, the Devil is not tempting people to commit sins of the flesh or the world; the flesh and the world system do that very well. He is tempting us to doubt God, to not believe the Word of the sovereign God, that it is not to be trusted, just as he did with Eve.

As a result of Adam's sin, all men died and in that death they lost the ability to believe God. This would appear to be a great victory for Satan but God had already decreed that His Son would be the substitute to be made sin for His sheep in order that they be made the righteousness of God.

*Joh 10:25-26 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, **because ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you.*

We have considered the God of creation from beginning along, with the chief cherub becoming Satan and his constant attempts to thwart the plans and purposes of God. The fact that the majority of God's people do not believe what our Lord said here as well as in many other passages, is evidence of how well Satan is doing. Our Lord declared that no one can believe on his own; that, in fact, he cannot believe at all unless he is one of the Lord's sheep. Unless we want to say that our Lord did not mean what He said, as Satan said to Eve, it is clear that one does not become one of His sheep by believing but believes because he is already one of the Lord's sheep. His sheep are born again by the will of God, not by the will of man, not by their accepting or believing; and being born again by God they are now able to believe.

To state it theologically, regeneration precedes belief:

“The Reformed faith, on the other hand, refuses to compromise to that degree or to any other degree, however small, with naturalism. It teaches that regeneration is **prerequisite** for saving faith and that in regeneration the sinner is completely passive. As a corpse cannot bring itself to life, so the spiritually dead sinner cannot make the **slightest contribution** toward his second birth. **The new birth is the work of God alone.**” R. B. Kuiper, *Westminster Theological Journal, Vol 2*

In considering the decrees of God we looked briefly at His decree that the Son of Man would descend from heaven, be made flesh so as to be our kinsman and as such be made sin for us in order that we be made the righteousness of God in Him. The Son of man did indeed descend from heaven, He was made flesh and made sin for us as He gave His life to redeem His sheep.

*Mt 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,*

*Mt 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

*Mt 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

*Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

*Ro 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

*2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

*1Jo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

*1Jo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

*Heb 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

In His suffering and death, He was made complete satisfaction for the sin debt of His own and because it was complete, He rose from the dead. He did not rise to justify us, He rose because we had been justified by His substitutionary death.

*Rom 4:25; 5:1 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for (because of) our justification... Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Not our faith in Christ but His faithfulness. Justified is Aorist Passive voice, we are the passive recipients of that which is done to or for us not something we do.

*Ro 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

*1Th 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.*

The Lord Christ is not a buddy or a pal, He is the sovereign God who created the heavens and the earth and He is our Lord. To be sure, He loves us, loves us so much that He chose us before the foundation of the world and died as our substitute to pay our sin debt, all His choice not ours. This does not mean, however, that we should not realize who He is. Many preachers and Bible teachers parade around in the pulpit in speech, dress and attitude they would not think of saying, wearing or doing if meeting the president of the United States or the Queen of England. It is important that we understand we are not followers of the lowly Jesus, but the redeemed brethren of the risen Lord Christ the sovereign monarch of eternity and the creator of heaven and earth. His disciples did not call Him Jesus, His name after the flesh, they called Him Master and Lord.

*Joh 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: **and ye say well;** for so I am.*

*2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

As Master and Lord do we really believe and trust Him? Really trust Him and never question Him, like we trust a chair? Actually we live a life of belief and trust. When offered a chair we never think to question whether it is strong enough, sturdy enough to hold our weight so that we would not fall and hurt our back. When driving a car we use the brakes never doubting that they would work. When planning a trip we dial a number never questioning the phone or the number of the airline. We talk to someone we do not know but do not question their background or truthfulness. Do we trust God as much as we trust this person? We make a reservation never doubting that we have it, drive miles to the airport confident we have a seat on a flight, confident such a flight exists, never questioning the many aspects of this arrangement which we know little or nothing about. Do we believe and trust God that much? Many of the Lord's people appear to trust chairs, telephone clerks and guns more than God.

He is the almighty God who does not, cannot lie, who loves us with a never changing love and who always deals with us according to His will and for our good. He is infinitely more trustworthy than chairs, reservation clerks, airplanes or guns. Think of what He has said, trust and believe Him. It is the only way to really know the "peace that passes understanding." Do we really believe and trust without a single doubt? Consider carefully some of the truths the God who cannot lie has given for you to never question and to know without a doubt. Think on these things and you will both rejoice and rest in peace, giving thanks for all things.

*Nu 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*

*De 31:8 And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.*

*Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

*1Sa 2:2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*

*Ne 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*

*Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*

*Ps 18:31 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?*



*Ps 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Ps 48:14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.*

*Ps 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.*

*Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*

*Ps 135:6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.*

*Pr 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.*

*Isa 14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:*

*Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

*Isa 41:13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.*

*Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

*Jer 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.*

*Hab 3:17:19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.*

*Mat 6:25-32 ¶ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is*

*cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

*Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

*Lu 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

*Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

*Ro 8:28-39 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Ro 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

*Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

*Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

*Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

*Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

*Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*Col 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*1 Th 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, **who also will do it.***

*Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

Believe Him and trust Him, for this same Lord who chose us, loves us, redeemed us, numbered the hairs of our head, directs our steps and will never leave or forsake us, will yet:

Return to take out His body, the church

*1 Cor 15:51-54 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*1 Thes 4:15-18 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Re-gather Israel into her land

*Isa 14:1-3 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to*

*the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,*

*Jer 16:14-15 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.*

*Jer 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.*

*Jer 30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess*

*Jer 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:*

*Eze 11:16-17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.*

*Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.*

### Bring in the great tribulation

*Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

*Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

*Rev 6:12-17 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

#### Gather all nations against Israel

*Jer 10:10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

*Zec 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.*

*Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

*Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

#### Fight for His people

*Zec 14:3-5 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*

#### Deal with the Antichrist

*2Th 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

*Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

Establish His kingdom on earth

*Ps 47:2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.*

*Ps 83:18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.*

*Jer 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*

*Jer 23:5-8 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.*

*Jer 30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.*

*Ho 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*

*Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

*Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

*Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

## Reign at Jerusalem

*Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*Isa 24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.*

*Isa 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.*

*Isa 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*

*Isa 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

*Jer 3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.*

*Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

*Mt 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

## Chain Satan

*Rev 20:1-4 ¶ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

## Bring in kingdom age blessings

*Nu 24:5-7 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. He shall pour the water out of his*

*buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.*

*Isa 2:1-4 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

*Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

*Isa 11:6-12 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

*Isa 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

*Isa 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*



*Da 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

*Da 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.*

#### Loose Satan

*Rev 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

#### Defeat Satan and his armies

*Rev 20:9-10 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

#### Sit in final judgement

*Rev 20:11-15 ¶ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

#### Create the new heavens and new earth

*Rev 21:1-6 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am*

*Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

### **The God of beginning and ending**

*Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

*Re 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

*Re 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

*Re 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

**This God is our God!**